



The Halyard

We can not control the wind but we can adjust the sails

A weekly newsletter for Virginia's Library Media Specialists
April 16, 2004



View From The Crow's Nest

I had a wonderful meeting last week with Ron Klausner, president of ProQuest Information & Learning, Donna Manges, National Consortia Manager Eastern Region, and Jake Thompson, Account Executive. It was a wonderful opportunity for me to share the needs and concerns of our Virginia school libraries and to be reassured that the transfer of ownership will not adversely affect SIRS. In fact, more information will be made available to SIRS from the extensive holdings of ProQuest. Mr. Klausner was very receptive to the suggestions for improvement in the services provided to the schools by his company. We discussed the need for additional training on the products and we are in the process of working out details and I will share them with you as they become available. In the meantime, be sure to check out the links in this week's newsletter for sources of materials that will help you teach students and faculty about the online databases.

Please keep in mind that the Board of Trustees for the Library of Virginia will not meet until mid-June. At that time, we will know the level of funding for the online databases. I will post the information as soon as it becomes available.

Superintendent's Memorandum

Each school division's superintendent will be receiving in the near future a memo from Dr. DeMary, superintendent of public instruction, concerning the application process for Improving Literacy Through School Libraries grants. Part of the text of the memo is cited below:

"Approximately \$19.8 million will be distributed to eligible local education agencies (LEAs) in an estimated 200 awards ranging from \$20,000 to \$350,000. Only LEAs in which at least 20 percent of students served are from families with incomes below the poverty line are eligible to apply.

Applications for the 2004 Improving Literacy Through School Libraries competition are now available online. The 2004 Improving Literacy Through School Libraries grant competition opened on April 5, 2004, and will close on May 20, 2004. The application package is available at:

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/lsl/index.html>





Copyright Sites of Interest

A visit to copyright bay-an interactive lesson on copyright

<http://www.stfrancis.edu/cid/copyrightbay/>

Saying "Yes" Instead of "No": Promoting the Fair Use Guidelines for Educational Multimedia <http://www.infotoday.com/MMSchools/may00/bakker.htm>

Fair Use Guidelines For Educational Multimedia
<http://www.utsystem.edu/OGC/IntellectualProperty/ccmcguid.htm>

Performance Rights for Copyrighted Videorecordings
<http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dltcl/lbstat/coplicen.html>

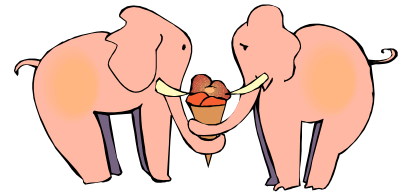
Copyright Management Center
<http://www.copyright.iupui.edu/>
Includes a checklist for fair use: <http://www.copyright.iupui.edu/checklist.htm>

Pass It On!

If you know that there are library media specialists in your division that are not familiar with the weekly Halyard, please send them an email with the URL. They do not have to be members of VEMA to access the newsletter. It is posted each week on the DOE web site at:

<http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Technology/chalyard.html>

Other items of interest can also be found on the library media pages:
<http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Technology/OET/library.shtml>



Wow, take a look at this resource!

From the Educator's Reference Desk

http://www.eduref.org/cgi-bin/print.cgi/Resources/Librarianship/School_Libraries.html

Springing Into Research

In preparing for the annual rush for use of resources, are you ready to show your students all of the features of your online databases? If not, check out these sites for tutorials and other cool teaching techniques.

E-Library

<http://www.bigchalk.com/cgi-bin/WebObjects/WOPortal.woa/db/corporate/lsc/elibce.html>



ProQuest

<http://www.bigchalk.com/cgi-bin/WebObjects/WOPortal.woa/db/corporate/lsc/proquest.html>

SIRS Knowledge Research

<http://sks20.sirs.com/cgi-bin/hst-table-display?file=toolbox.html&id=000VC00063-S77826MI>

SIRS Discoverer

(Follow link at the bottom of the page for the tutorial)

<http://discoverer7.sirs.com/cgi-bin/dis-frontpage?CUSTNUM=VC00063&STARTPAGE=none&RES=Y&REN=Y&GOV=Y&DIS=Y&T=1081876737&C=3162240237>

Gale Resources

http://www.gale.com/customer_service/

